

eran of the world war.) Finally I looked out the window and saw several persons running toward the bridge. Our office is only fifty feet from the waterfront.

"As I looked out the window I saw a great crowd. Running down stairs I joined the men and women rushing toward the bridge. As I reached within several feet of the break in the bridge I could hear the screams of the drowning. I counted the heads of at least four women and a half dozen children. The arms were thrust into the air as they grasped and held one another.

"It was awful to see how the struggling mass fought to free themselves from each other's dying grasp. Above it all was the terrifying screams of the women and children and the curses of several of the men who were caught in the collapse.

CURRAN AND HASKELL SEEM TO LEAD RACE

La Guardia and Bennett Look Like Trailers for Mayoralty Nomination.

EACH CLAIMS VICTORY

Uncertainties in Tuesday's Primaries Make Guessing Hazardous.

HINES STIRS DEMOCRATS

Insurgents Out in All Parts of City May Cause Unlooked For Upsets.

Boats Help in Rescue.

Several small boats, mostly tow-boats and steam launches, had already put out and had rescued several of those thrown into the water. I decided that something must be done to lend a hand, so I suggested to several other men who were apparently spellbound by the sight to go around to the river by way of Edgemont avenue and see what we could do. When we arrived at that spot we found that the only help we could give was to assist the already drowning victims in getting out of the water. I saw several automobiles and rush them to the hospital.

"One of the real and slight which brought home the force of the calamity was two little children that calmly me near the end of the bridge. I asked them what they were crying for, and they answered, 'Because mama fell into the river.' It simply was a sight I will long remember and one I do not wish to see again."

Among the many men of Chester who were quick to volunteer their services to the bridge victims was James Emerbe. He was only a short distance from the bridge when the foot suddenly gave way with a great ripping roar like the beat of a large kettledrum.

"I had just crossed the old structure," he said, "when I heard a noise and then a loud shout like a bunch of excited baseball fans. Looking round I saw the crowd on the bridge had nearly all disappeared and I figured something terrible had happened."

"Running up to the north side of the bridge I was surely nearly struck dumb when I saw the whole bunch in the water struggling. Instantly I ran around to the bank and, with the assistance of several other good men, we helped to pull out twenty-three. Most of these were women and children. About seven or eight of them were dead when we got them ashore. They really seemed to have been crushed to death instead of being drowned."

"One man we thought was dead started to get up after we had laid him body alongside of the other dead. Every body I saw around me nearly exhausted themselves in doing all they could to rescue the unfortunate people."

Those who surged about the morgue became frantic with fear. Women became hysterical and fainted. Coroner White summoned to his aid citizens who seemed to be the only ones who were with their assistance he threw a cordon about the building, while preparations were on inside to place the bodies in ordered rows that their relatives and friends might come to identify them.

Of the first ten dead taken from the river three were women and seven were men.

Screens to Save Bodies.

The accident happened just as the tide was at ebb. In a few minutes it would be flowing out into the Delaware and on to Long Island Sound. That was the reason that the bodies were not washed away. The firemen, with forty foot ladders, soon had a wooden screen thrown deep into the waters. Then fishing nets were sent for and a screen of mesh was constructed so that none of the bodies might be washed away.

Only the footpath on the bridge had collapsed. The Belgian block vehicular and two car tracks remained intact. Fire had not reached from the river shore scores of men worked with grappling hooks. Out on the river were launched thirty rowboats, manned by men with grappling hooks. Coroner White said he had seen the death line go far above the twenty now in the morgue. The work of attempted rescue will continue until the last hope of recovering another body is gone.

Diver Searches River.

Capt. Williams, a professional diver, was called upon as soon as the results of the collapse were realized. He came with full diving equipment. He went on the river bottom to-night searching every section of it for bodies. Powerful searchlights were brought from ships yards. Several batteries of them were set up at various points along the shore until the whole scene was flooded with light as bright as that of day.

A theatrical company playing in Chester to-night was about to step on the bridge while on its way to the theatre, just as the structure collapsed. Every male member of the company had thrown away coat and shoes in an instant and was in the water helping to save those who were not beyond rescue and to recover what bodies could be found.

The identified dead are: GORDY, RALPH; HAWKINS, RUTH; HAWKINS, ROY; KNOFF, MORRIS; BRECHER, JOHN; WRIGHT, JAMES; BARTO, MARY; DIETZ, MRS. MAMIE; MURTHA, MRS. MAUD; HARRIDE, EDWARD; HARDY, RALPH; HELLINGER, ANNA; GARVEY, JOHN; KLINE, EDWARD; HAMILTON, GEORGE; MURRAY, THOMAS; BARKER, MARY; SPRINGFIELD, Mrs. MARTIN; Sheriff William M. Lennard's office that children are berrying saw the fugitive "wild man," with a long growth of beard on his face, at the Golet home. Neighbors reported later that the fugitive was helping himself to fruit and vegetables there. "Big Mike," who is wanted in connection with the murder of an employee on Amurose Clark's country place at Wheatley Hills, E. L. is believed to be trying to get back to New York city. Deputy sheriffs, troopers and policemen who had been searching the swamps at Ridgebury hurried to Chester with the police dogs.

Tuesday will be Primary Day. The polls will be open between the hours of 3 and 9 P. M.

Enrolled voters at that time may express their preference as to the candidates of their party for city, county and borough offices and for the Assembly. Also delegates are to be chosen to the State conventions for the nomination of candidates for Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The big fight is for the Republican nomination for Mayor. The candidates are:

Borough President Henry H. Curran, who has been designated by the joint conference of representatives of the regular organization and of independent bodies, including the Price Coalition Committee.

Reuben L. Haskell, County Judge in Brooklyn, who got his judicial nomination two years ago in opposition to the organization choice, an advocate of the repeal of the Volstead act and the Eighteenth Amendment and frankly running on a "wet" issue, justifies it by saying his nomination and election would put heart into anti-prohibitionists all over the country.

F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, who won against the Tammany candidate for that office two years ago in a bye election by a small vote and believed he was entitled to the Mayoralty nomination at the hands of the organization, has had the kindly interest of the Hearst newspapers.

Bennett a Candidate, as Usual.

William M. Bennett, former Assemblyman and State Senator, who since he became the regular Republican Mayoralty candidate in the primaries four years ago by defeating John Purroy Mitchell—although the organization leaders supported Mitchell—has run for every nomination in the primaries about every year. He always has shown strength in Brooklyn and Queens.

Each of the four in statements last night claimed victory. An unprejudiced study of the situation, however, would seem to lead to the conclusion that it is a pretty tight race between Curran, who ought to win, and Haskell, the potency of whose "wet" appeal it is hard to estimate with any degree of accuracy. Here, as a nutshell, are the forecasts of the four candidates: Curran (through John J. Lyons, his manager)—Curran has a clear field right up to the goal and ought to win, if he is not overruled by the voters. He is a wide margin of vote to win. Judge Haskell has wobbled all over the course of the last few days. He will be a wide lame. La Guardia and Bennett are hopelessly beaten.

Haskell—I expect to win the Republican nomination for Mayor. I shall receive more than 50,000 of this number in Brooklyn.

Bennett—The result will be: Bennett, 60,000; Curran, 40,000; La Guardia, 30,000; Haskell, 20,000.

Uncertainties in Contest.

There are so many elements of uncertainty in connection with this race including the percentage of the enrolled vote that will be cast and the interest shown in and reaction to the issues by the women, that there are bound to be surprises in store for some politicians whose judgment hitherto has been considered good.

The enrolled Republican vote this year is 643,630, of which 514,118 are voters in the last few days. If this is a year ago. In past city primaries the percentage of enrollment cast by the Republicans has run rarely more than between 25 and 30 per cent. There is a difference of opinion among leaders as to the turnout this year. It will be noticed that Bennett figures a total vote of 160,000, a little over 25 per cent. The Curran managers figure nearer 35 per cent, a total vote of 225,000. Haskell refuses to estimate but one of his managers thinks the vote will not hit more than 15 per cent, or about 117,000.

His reasoning is that the many former Democrats who enrolled Republican as a Wilson protest a year ago and many of the women will not take the trouble to go to the polls. On the other hand there are four candidates for the Mayoralty nomination in the field the wider interest will bring out a larger vote than in past years.

Enrollment for Election.

The enrolment of the two major parties is:

County.	Men.	Women.	Total.
Brooklyn	117,000	117,000	234,000
Queens	117,000	117,000	234,000
Richmond	117,000	117,000	234,000
Manhattan	117,000	117,000	234,000

The Democratic city ticket, consisting of Mayor John F. Hylan for Mayor, Comptroller Charles L. Hyatt for Comptroller and Murray H. Hylan for President of the Board of Aldermen, has no opposition in the primaries.

In Queens former District Attorney Denis O'Leary is running to succeed Maurice E. Connelly, Democrat for being renominated as Borough President. In the Bronx Patrick J. Kane is running against the organization designee for Sheriff.

But the only big fight in the Democratic ranks is the attempt of James J. Hines, Tammany leader of the Eleventh Assembly district, to undermine the big boss of the city, William M. Bennett, who has set about it by running himself against Julius Miller, the Boss' selection for Borough President of Manhattan. Next to the Republican Mayoralty scrap the Hines campaign has had the greatest general appeal to the public.

It is considered inevitable that the Murphy roller will pass over the plucky Hines, but it is believed he will get

CURRAN WANTS VALDEVELOPE GOVERNMENT STOPPED

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It's the sort of stuff Curran is made of. "Curran stands out in this primary as a singularly impressive figure. His five minute platform is a masterpiece. It is the simplified platform which the man in the street reads and understands the appearance was the turning point of the campaign. It is the most progressive and constructive document ever put forward by a municipal candidate in all the years I have been in public life.

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HIRSHFELD RENEWS POLICE BUL AT ATTACK

Plans to Question Senator Lusk Regarding Legislative Influence.

TALK OF \$16,500 CHECK

Cafe Owner to Be Called to Tell About Payment to Alleged Lobbyist.

ERRORS IN CITY PENSIONS

Street Cleaner's Widow Had Forfeited \$121 Because She Married Again.

David Hirshfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, after learning yesterday that the Meyer legislative committee forces had adjourned over the week end, summoned his stenographer and gave out a couple of statements. One had to do with alleged irregularities in connection with the payment of city pensions. The second told of the Commissioner's intention of calling State Senator Clayton R. Lusk for further questioning concerning his interest in the Police Department's detective bill, which was vetoed by Mayor Hylan after Senator Lusk had used his influence to put it through the Legislature at the request of New York detectives. This is the legislation in connection with which Senator Lusk received a present of silver.

In each statement Commissioner Hirshfeld directed attention to what he described as the "dilatory tactics" of the Meyer committee, which, he said, were hampering his own investigation of city departments.

Writ for Cafe Proprietor.

Mr. Hirshfeld announced that application had been made before Supreme Court Justice Martin for a body attachment against William Cook, proprietor of a restaurant at 500 Amsterdam avenue. This, he said, was necessary to clear up rumors of additional large sums of money collected by police officers to further the Lusk detective measure in the Legislature.

Cook, whose cafe manager is James Buckley, a former police lieutenant, once attached to the West Forty-seventh street station, was witness before Hirshfeld last month, but failed to reappear when summoned. The story concerning which Commissioner Hirshfeld wanted to question him had to do with an alleged payment of an additional \$16,500 to John E. Kieft, the alleged lobbyist in the matter. Cook denied on his first examination that he ever had drawn a check for such an amount, adding that if he had "he used it at the race track."

Pensions Paid Erroneously.

To forestall expected testimony concerning the administration of the city's pension funds, Hirshfeld gave out the details of several items of pension payments made in error, upon which recovery in full or in part had been made by the city. These were in connection with payments to families of deceased police officers. One case involved a pension of \$121 paid to the widow of a deceased police officer who had married again. The pension was paid to her because she had not been notified of her husband's death. The pension was paid to her because she had not been notified of her husband's death.

\$40,000,000 FOR SCHOOLS HIS RECORD, SAYS HYLAN

Private Interests Hurt Education, Mayor Contends.

Mayor Hylan defended his administration of the public school system at a luncheon in the Commodore Hotel yesterday which preceded the opening of the school year. He said the city was between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000 behind in its school construction when he took office, and that \$16,000,000 had been spent in his administration to erect thirty-nine school buildings.

"I speak boldly," said the Mayor, "when I say that the pay as you go law was caused by private interests who wanted to fit the child for the factory and mill rather than to give him a school education."

Monday morning twelve new schools with a seating capacity of 15,000 will be opened. I want you to compare that statement with some others that have been going around."

Among the remarks at the luncheon were: "Admiral James H. Glenn, who retired, and Major Bartlett Warburton, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety of Philadelphia."

SUIT OVER BRONX INSPECTORS.

Kane Starts Fight to Keep His Sixteen Election Officials.

Patrick J. Kane, Democratic leader of the Bronx, who is running for Sheriff in both the Democratic and Republican primaries, yesterday obtained an order to show cause why a peremptory writ of mandamus should not be issued against the sixteen inspectors of the board of elections, compelling him to rescind an order dismissing sixteen of Kane's election inspectors. He is returnable in Special Term Manhattan to-morrow.

Edward J. Flynn, regular Democratic designee for Sheriff, said the Kane action had been taken "in order to discredit the able international organization which is behind my candidacy." He said the inspectors had been removed under a law which gave to the county chairman the right to name and remove inspectors through the Board of Elections.

TWO HURT BY RUNAWAY.

A horse attached to a mail truck ran away yesterday in lower Sixth avenue. William Larbin, 38, of 253 West Nineteenth street, was thrown to the pavement and bruised when he tried to stop it, and William Donovan, 62, of 104 East Sixty-sixth street was hurt about the head and body when the truck crashed into his wagon.

PRISONER AT WHEELING PLEADS GUILTY TO HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

WHEELING, W. Va., Sept. 10.—Leon Martin was sentenced to Judge Robinson to serve ten years in the State penitentiary at Mountview.

Martin pleaded guilty in Criminal Court to highway robbery, in which he obtained \$1 from a farmer.

MRS. McNALLY FIGHTS TO SAVE HER HUSBAND

Will Ask Governor to Stay Execution Next Thursday.

Mrs. Edward J. McNally will appear before Gov. Miller in Albany tomorrow to plead for the life of her husband, who is to be executed in Sing Sing Thursday night. William C. Casey of Tompkinsville, S. I., counsel for McNally, yesterday wrote to the Governor asking for a rehearing in the case. He forwarded affidavits from Frank Eacabacci and Anthony Paolucci, both of whom are serving life sentences in Sing Sing.

These two prisoners have exonerated McNally and say he had no part in the robbery that resulted in Walter Jaskowski being killed in a restaurant at Mariners Harbor, S. I. Eacabacci and Paolucci are serving sentences for Jaskowski's death.

TRAIN ON BURLINGTON HELD UP IN MISSOURI

Bandits in Los Angeles Get Registered Mail Bags.

PARKVILLE, Mo., Sept. 10.—Train robbers held up and robbed a train on the Burlington four miles north of here to-night, according to reports reaching here.

The engineer and fireman, when compelled to cut the engine from the train, put on full steam and came into Parkville for aid.

Los Angeles, Sept. 10.—Four men held up five mail clerks in a sub-station of the Los Angeles post office early to-day and escaped with two locked pouches of registered mail.

As the bandits were leaving the building a mail truck drove up, the engine back-firing. The men, mistaking the police, fired several shots at the driver. The bullets went wild, one striking a passerby. The bandits escaped in an automobile.

BOWERY MISSION APPEALS.

Funds Needed to Help Unemployed This Winter.

The Bowery Mission of 227 Bowery, where many a human derelict has received succor, encouragement and a fresh start, in an appeal for funds draws attention to the seriousness of the unemployment situation. The mission's free labor bureau in the last week of the month of August, 1916, provided jobs for ninety-nine men, but during the corresponding week of last August could only find places for five.

"In the meantime," declare the mission's officials, "while the pros and cons are being discussed looking toward the largest demand for labor, we need money to help the helpless."

JUDGE FINDS HIMSELF GUILTY.

Holds Himself for Automobileing Without License.

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 10.—Julian L. Hazard, Hillsborough county judge, arrested by a motorcycle policeman who charged that he had operated an automobile without proper license, held himself over to the criminal court for trial.

Judge Hazard held a preliminary hearing, found himself guilty as charged, but declined to enter the criminal court, and then ordered that he be released from custody on his own recognizance, declaring he felt reasonably certain he would be present in court when he was called.

ILLITERACY ON DECREASE.

Has Fallen Off 1 Per Cent. in Ten Years in Rhode Island.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Decrease of more than 1 per cent. in the number of illiterate persons ten years of age or over in Rhode Island during the ten year period between 1910 and 1920 was shown by figures announced to-day by the Census Bureau. The total of 31,312 persons unable to write in any language in 1920 was 6.6 per cent. of the total population as compared with the percentage of 7.7 in 1910.

More than 28,000 of those classed as illiterates were of foreign birth and practically all of the remainder of mixed foreign parentage or negroes.

When the meeting took up the question whether, having repudiated Judge Haskell, the league should transfer the pledge of its support to any other Republican candidate, Mr. Lawrence advised that the organization stand pat.

Mr. Steiner offered a resolution pledging to La Guardia the league members' active support at the primaries. It was carried with three or four voices in opposition.

The meeting resolved itself into a committee of the whole and went to the Netherlands Hotel headquarters to mingle in a love feast with the Mayor.

HASKELL UNLOADED BY PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

Anti-Blue Laws Body Transfers Support to La Guardia.

SOME HEATED DEBATE

Chairman Lawrence Declines to Give Facts as Contributions.

The board of management of the American People's League, an anti-blue laws organization which heretofore had aligned itself with the primary campaign of Judge Reuben L. Haskell for the Republican nomination for Mayor, unloaded the Judge officially yesterday and declared in favor of his rival, F. H. La Guardia.

During the somewhat heated two hour session of the board in the Hotel Astor it appeared to be a question whether the league was repudiating Judge Haskell or whether the Judge had washed his hands of the league's support. Both propositions seemed to be true.

Frederick Lawrence, chairman of the advisory board, said Judge Haskell's ostensible reason for repudiating the support of the league was that he, Lawrence, was not a Republican, but an enrolled Democrat, and the Judge was not seeking Democratic support in the primaries.

Mr. Lawrence explained that while he had been an enrolled Democrat, he regarded himself as an independent, having signed his position in the league as "My being an enrolled Democrat, I do not think it wise for me to be a Democrat." He thought the real reason why the Judge and his campaign manager, Joseph Early, were willing to divest themselves of the league's endorsement was because the league and certain of the motion picture interests which had favored Judge Haskell's candidacy had insisted that he make more prominent in his campaign his opposition to Sunday blue laws, movie censorship and "the up-State machine made Rapid Transit" Commission. That Mr. Lawrence said, Judge Haskell and his close advisers had insisted that the league support him as "My being an enrolled Democrat, I do not think it wise for me to be a Democrat." 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